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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Request for Approval of Contract for Electric Service between South Carolina Electric & Gas

Company and Owen Electric Steel of South Carolina d/b/a CMC Steel f/k/a SMI Steel

Docket No. 1997-294-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This is to acknowledge that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the filing in the above referenced Docket and has no objection to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's ("Company") Request for Approval of Amendments to the Contracts for Electric Service for both the Arc Furnace and the Rolling Mill Contracts with CMC Steel. In addition, ORS has no objection to the request for confidential treatment of certain information described as proprietary and commercially sensitive. These CMC Steel manufacturing facilities are located in Cayce, South Carolina. The proposed rates are cost based and allows the customer the flexibility to better control costs and the Amendments are beneficial to the customer as well as the Company.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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